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Subject: VB/I-70 Community Advisory Group CORA REQUEST

Dear Ms.Hunsaker-Ryan:

The EPA Community Advisory Group (CAG) of the Vasquez Bl./I-70 Superfund Site (Site), an EPA Environmental Justice site due to the large number of low income minority residents who live there, has been operating since March, 2017.

CDPHE has attended many CAG meetings and has reported that they are in regular communication with and participate in regular meetings with EPA and Denver to discuss plans and ongoing work in Operable Unit 2 (OU2) and Operable Unit 3 (OU3) at the Site.

The CAG has asked EPA, CDPHE and Denver, many times, to allow our technical advisor, Chuck Norris, to be allowed to sit in on these meetings. All requests have been denied or ignored by CDPHE, EPA and Denver. Please see Resolution 2020-1.

Further, our legitimate requests for copies of documents, studies, consultant reports, tests or other documents produced by or for the EPA, Denver or CDPHE , regarding OU 2 and or OU3, have been ignored or refused by all agency parties.

In order to fulfill our mandate to advise the EPA, other agencies and the public about work and planning that impacts the Site and the community, we request the following per the provisions of the Colorado Open Records Act and the Colorado Sunshine Law:

Electronic copies or links to minutes and notes of gatherings or meetings, including electronic mail messages, text messages and recordings of virtual meetings, between members of CDPHE staff and staff of EPA and the staff of the City and County of Denver, pertaining to ongoing work, past work or plans for future work in OU2 and OU3, in the Site, from January 1, 2017, until the present.

We request that any fees be waived in the public interest as our EPA Community Advisory Group is an unpaid, congressionally mandated group whose job it is to advise the EPA and the community about activity in the Superfund Site.

It is recognized that low income minorities suffer more and have more severe health consequences from living in and near toxic sites. The VB/ I-70 Superfund Site sits in zip code 80216, which has been termed the most toxic zip code in the USA.

The time is way past due for government transparency especially when it comes to the health and lives of some of our most vulnerable residents.

Thanks for your assistance.

Warmest regards,

Fran Aguirre

VB/I 70 Superfund CAG Administrator

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